

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a1 This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/233,451 filed January 20, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-11 and 15-75 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

a2 2. (Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, in which the solid electrolyte layer is formed on an outer surface of the dielectric film or on the outer surface and inside the pores.